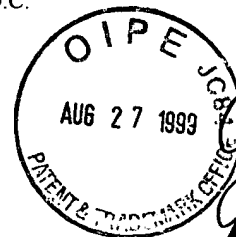


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AMENDMENT, UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 21 1999 (Paper No. 5)
(herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment
and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Amendment is believed timely filed with a one (1) month extension of time. Should
this Amendment not be considered timely filed with a one (1) month extension of time, Applicant
hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to
maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.¹

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